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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: AL-HARAMAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE
NETHERLANDS

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¶1. (S/NF) Summary: Al Haramain does operate in the Netherlands under the name "Stichting Al Haramain Humanitarian Aid," located at Jan Hanzenstraat 114, 1053SV Amsterdam, telephone number 020-618-2645. Embassy/ROAL have no substantive information indicating that the Dutch Al-Haramain chapter supports terrorist organizations. The Dutch government has indicated in public that it is aware of press allegations --which often draw on information from the 9/11 victims lawsuit -- of the chapter's connections with a radical Amsterdam mosque and possible links links to Al-Qaida. Other than admitting that it attempts through the Dutch security service (AIVD) to monitor Al-Haramain activities, the government has not offered additional information concerning the possible substance behind these allegations declaring that it cannot comment on ongoing intelligence activities. The best documented allegation of terrorist-related activity by the local Al- Haramain chapter regards the possible Al-Qaida involvement of two local Al-Haramain chapter board members -- Saudi sheiks Aqeel Abdulaziz Alqaq and Mansour Abdulrahman Hammed Al-Kadi. The Dutch government has noted, however that these two sheiks are non-resident board members and that it is unclear how much of a role they have in the operations of the Dutch Al-Haramain branch. We expect the Dutch government would be open to considering designation of the local Al-Haramain chapter should we be able to present more detailed information on its possible terrorist links. The GONL would likely be reluctant to proceed with a designation based only on the activities of these two board members. We will continue to keep a close watch on this issue. Prior to any decision to designate the Dutch branch of Al-Haramain, we would appreciate authorization to approach Dutch authorities through intelligence channels to determine if they have additional information that can be shared or have objections or other considerations that we should take into account. End Summary.

¶2. (U) The Dutch government has been called upon several times by members of the Dutch parliament to testify to any links between Al- Haramain activities in the Netherlands and terrorist-related activities. On March 2, the Dutch Ministers of Justice and Interior noted press allegations that local Al-Haramain board members -- Saudi sheiks Aqeel Abdulaziz Alqaq and Mansour Abdulrahman Hammed Al- Kadi -- had connections with the Bosnia branch of Al-Haramain (designated by the UN as al-Qaida linked) and a terror cell at the Al-Nur mosque in Berlin. According to the press, Al-Kadi had some contact with Osama bin Laden's private secretary, Wadih el-Hage, who also had connections with

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Benevolence International Foundation (BIF) -- also designated as Al-Qaida-linked. The Ministers would not comment on the substance of the allegations citing operational intelligence concerns. In December 2001, (then) Interior Minister de Vries affirmed that the Dutch security service "continues to investigate the activities of (the Al-Haramain foundation, International Islamic Relief Organization, World Assembly of Muslim Youth, and Muwaffaq foundation)."

¶3. (U) Much of the Dutch parliamentary, press, and (at least public) government attention the local Al-Haramain chapter focuses on its support for the radical Amsterdam Al-Tawheed mosque/foundation which delivers an extremely anti-Western, anti-Semitic message. Al Tahweed and Al-Haramain share the same Amsterdam address and have shared Alqaq and Al- Kadi as directors. The Dutch security service (AIVD) noted in its annual report that "in view of the very close (financial) connection between (the Al-Tawheed) mosque and Al-Haramain, it cannot be ruled out that orthodox-radical wahabitic ideas are also disseminated one way or another in the mosque via this NGO." Alqaq and Al-Kadi, the Dutch interior and justice ministers told parliament, resigned from the Al-Tawheed board of directors at the beginning of 2004 but

continue as Al-Haramain directors. Alageel also holds approximately half of El Tawheed's mortgage. The Dutch government was careful to point out that being on the board of directors of an organization does not necessarily mean familiarity or active involvement in the organization's activities. The government also noted that Algeel and Al-Kadi are not resident in the Netherlands.

14. (S/NF) Should the USG indicate an intention to designate the Dutch chapter of Al-Haramain, the Dutch government would give our position serious consideration. The availability of sufficient information linking the local chapter of Al-Haramain to terrorist activities or organizations would be the most important factor in Dutch decisionmaking. The circumstance of Algeel and Al-Kadi being on the local Al-Haramain's board of directors would likely not be sufficient to generate active Dutch support. The Netherlands would also give consideration to the position of the Saudi government in an Al-Haramain designation. Should a decision to push a designation forward be made, the GONL would want to consult with us closely ahead of time to ensure that movement of local Al-Haramain funds could be blocked, or at least monitored.

15. (U) Members of the Stichting Al-Haramain (NL) board of directors are

Chairman/Treasurer: Alageel, Aqeel Abdulaziz Aqeel, DOB: April 29, 1949, Address: Sharie Ahmed ben Omeira 6, Riyad Olaya, Saudi Arabia

Secretary: Al-Kadi, Mansour Abdulrahman Hameed, DOB: November

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28, 1962, Address: Ibne Majah Rd. Haie Salam, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Director: Al Tuwaigri, Mohamed Fahed Sulluman, DOB: November 6, 1964, Address: Jaie Malaz Amarabulla Rd., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Director: Alageel, Abdulrahman Mohammed Galifa, DOB: November 18, 1963, Address: Haie Al Jazeria Road 1, Villa 839, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Director: Al-Tayyr, Muteb Sulluman Rachid, DOB: November 18, 1963, Address: Haie Sualie. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Representative: El Shershaby, Mahmoud Abd El Fattah Ahmed, DPOB: December 21, 1957, Sanaded, Egypt, Address: Piet Mondriaanstraat 107H, 1061TP, Amsterdam
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